

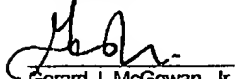
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Verrips  
Serial No.: 09/880,199  
Filed: June 13, 2001  
For: Lactobacillus Containing Product  
Group: 1761  
Examiner: Keith D. Hendricks  
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE**

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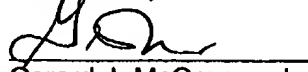
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to file a Response for two months from September 24, 2005 to November 24, 2005.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

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